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ALL-COUNTY LETTER No. 79-32

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY AUDITORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICERS

SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF THE  
DFA 800, SUMMARY REPORT OF COSTS OF AFDC COLLECTIONS

This is to provide counties with instructions relative to the preparation and submission of the DFA 800, Summary Report of Costs of AFDC Collections (W&I Code Section 11459), effective July 1, 1978.

As you know, the SB 154 buy-out provisions included the county share of 1978-79 FY costs for AFDC fraud investigations performed by the County Welfare Department (CWD) or by the District Attorney via a contract with the CWD. The county share of costs for AFDC fraud investigations is a major component used to compute the county's AFDC collection incentive on the DFA 800. Therefore, we have expanded the instructions for completion of the DFA 800 to include the impact of SB 154 as follows:

Line 12 on the DFA 800 instructs counties to enter on that line either (1) the county share of costs reported for CWD AFDC fraud investigations claimed on the CWD administrative expense claim on the DFA 325.2, Group III, B-1, or (2) total District Attorney AFDC fraud investigation costs shown on the CWD administrative expense claim on the DFA 325.2, Group VI, Extraneous. These instructions have been expanded to include the following provisions for identifying county share of AFDC fraud investigation costs to be used in computing the county's AFDC collections incentive on the DFA 800.

Costs of AFDC Fraud Investigations Performed by the CWD

The county share of the costs for CWD AFDC fraud investigations has been replaced with state funds under SB 154 buy-out. Therefore, Line 12 of the DFA 800 must reflect zero county share.

Costs of AFDC Fraud Investigations Performed by the District Attorney  
Under an Approved Contract with the CWD

Effective July 1, 1978, costs of fraud investigations performed by other than the CWD became eligible for federal and state reimbursement, provided the county has contracted with the District Attorney to perform welfare fraud investigations. The costs of that contract are claimed on the CWD administrative expense claim; subsequently, the county share is reimbursed 100 percent from state funds under SB 154 buy-out provisions. Therefore, Line 12 of the DFA 800 must reflect zero county share.

Some counties receiving retroactive approval for the aforementioned contract to July 1, 1978 transferred District Attorney fraud investigation costs originally shown as non-reimbursable on the CWD administrative expense claim, DFA 325.2, Group VI, to Group III and subsequently received reimbursement of the county share from state SB 154 funds. These same costs may have also been claimed on the DFA 800. If the county has claimed these District Attorney fraud investigation costs on both the CWD administrative expense claim and the DFA 800, the county must submit an adjusted DFA 800 to delete those costs for the affected claiming periods.

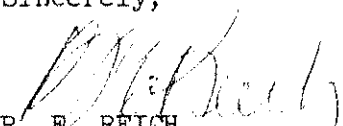
Costs of AFDC Fraud Investigations Performed by the District Attorney  
but without an Approved Contract with the CWD

If the county has not contracted with the District Attorney to perform fraud investigations and consequently is continuing to show the costs of those activities as non-reimbursable costs on the DFA 325.2, Group VI, on the CWD administrative expense claim, they may continue to claim these costs on Line 12 of the DFA 800.

Due to the timing of the release of these instructions to the counties, DSS staff will correct the DFA 800's previously submitted by the counties beginning with the July-September 1978 quarter. We regret any inconvenience to the counties as a result of the delay in issuing these instructions.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please phone DSS County Fiscal Administration Bureau at 916/445-7046.

Sincerely,

  
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